



# Game Prep

## Score Keeping

AMFA supplies each team with a scorekeeper's book and lineup sheets. This role is important as it is the official game record. The home and away teams both keep score and may be called upon by the umpire to verify information during the game. Keeping score at the recreation level of softball only includes basic information, no previous scorekeeping experience is required.

## Lining a Field

This job is straightforward but may take a few tries to master. It may be helpful to have more than one person lining the field. The home team is responsible for field prep.

1. Rake the field, ensuring that all divots are filled in and level out the batter's box.
2. Grab the lining cart, string, pitcher's mound, (if not already secured in the diamond), bases, batter's box guide, (if you have one) and tape measure from the equipment box.
3. Remove the base plugs and insert all the bases into the correct holes.

## Batters Box Template

4. Lay down the batter's box template and press down to ensure that it leaves an imprint for you to follow. Remove the batter's box template and repeat this step on the other side.
5. If your diamond does not have a template, you will need to review the Softball BC Plate Measurement GUIDE to draw one out yourself. (see below)
6. Using the lining cart, draw your batters' boxes.



## First Base Line

7. Insert the nail end of the string into the point end of the Home Plate and run the string down the First Base line. (see picture)
8. Near the corner of the batter's box, using the Lining Cart draw the line all the way down the baseline. (over top of the string guide)



### Third Base Line

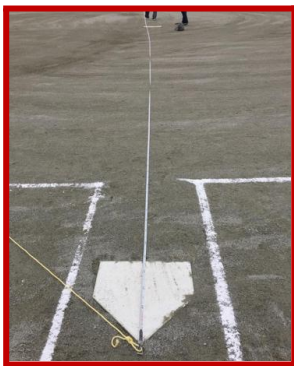
- Once you have lined the first base, repeat the same steps for the third base line.

**(NOTE: There is no line between 1st & 2nd and 2nd & 3rd)**



### Pitcher's Mound

- With your nailed string at Home Plate, insert the end of the tape measure into the nail and run the tape measure to 2nd Base.
- Using the Softball BC Plate Measurement GUIDE review the Pitching Mound distance. *(it you already have a secured Pitcher's Mound you can skip this step).*
- Put the front of the pitcher's mound at the measurement that is listed on the Softball BC Plate Measurement GUIDE document for your division.
- Nail in the Pitcher's Mound with the attached nails.
- Remove the tape measure from the nail, have a helper hold one end of the tape measure in the middle of the pitcher's mound and draw a circle with the edge of the tape measure. *(the measurement of the circle will be based on your division and can be found on the Softball BC Plate Measurement GUIDE)*
- Now that you have marked a circle with the edge of the tape measure (or nail) you are ready to draw in the line with the lining cart.





### On Deck Circles

16. Using a nail, draw the batter's "deck" one on each side. (*this is where the batter on deck will stand*). These are positioned close to the fence at the end of the dugouts and are a 2.5 feet radius.



### Coaches Box

17. Now you need to add in the Coaches Box. These are added at the first and third base line. (*refer to the Softball BC Plate Measurement GUIDE document for measurements*)
18. The Coaches Box is 8 feet from the Foul Line at both 1st and 3rd base.
19. It runs down 15 feet and has a 3 feet line at either end facing away from the foul line.



### Runners Lane

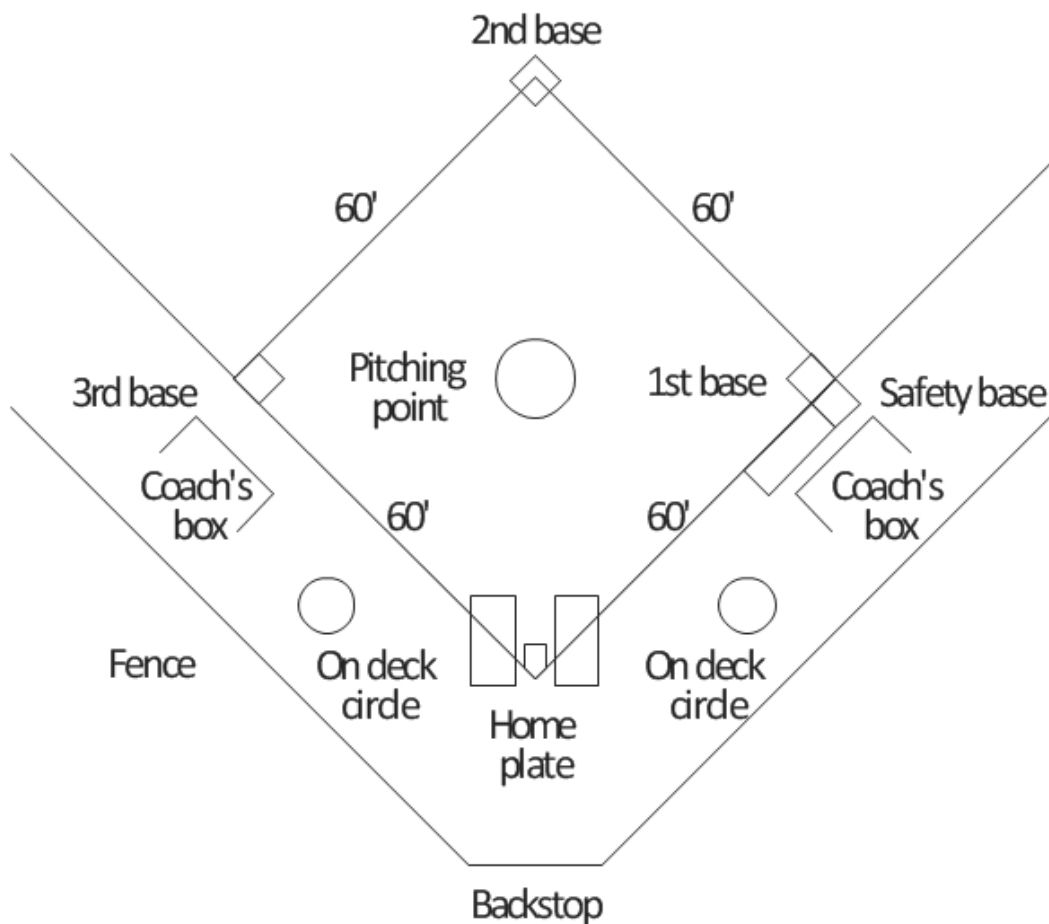
20. The last line would be the Runners Lane. This is drawn at first base 3 feet away from the foul line and 30 feet down from the top of the first base. (*Refer to the Softball BC Plate Measurement GUIDE document*)



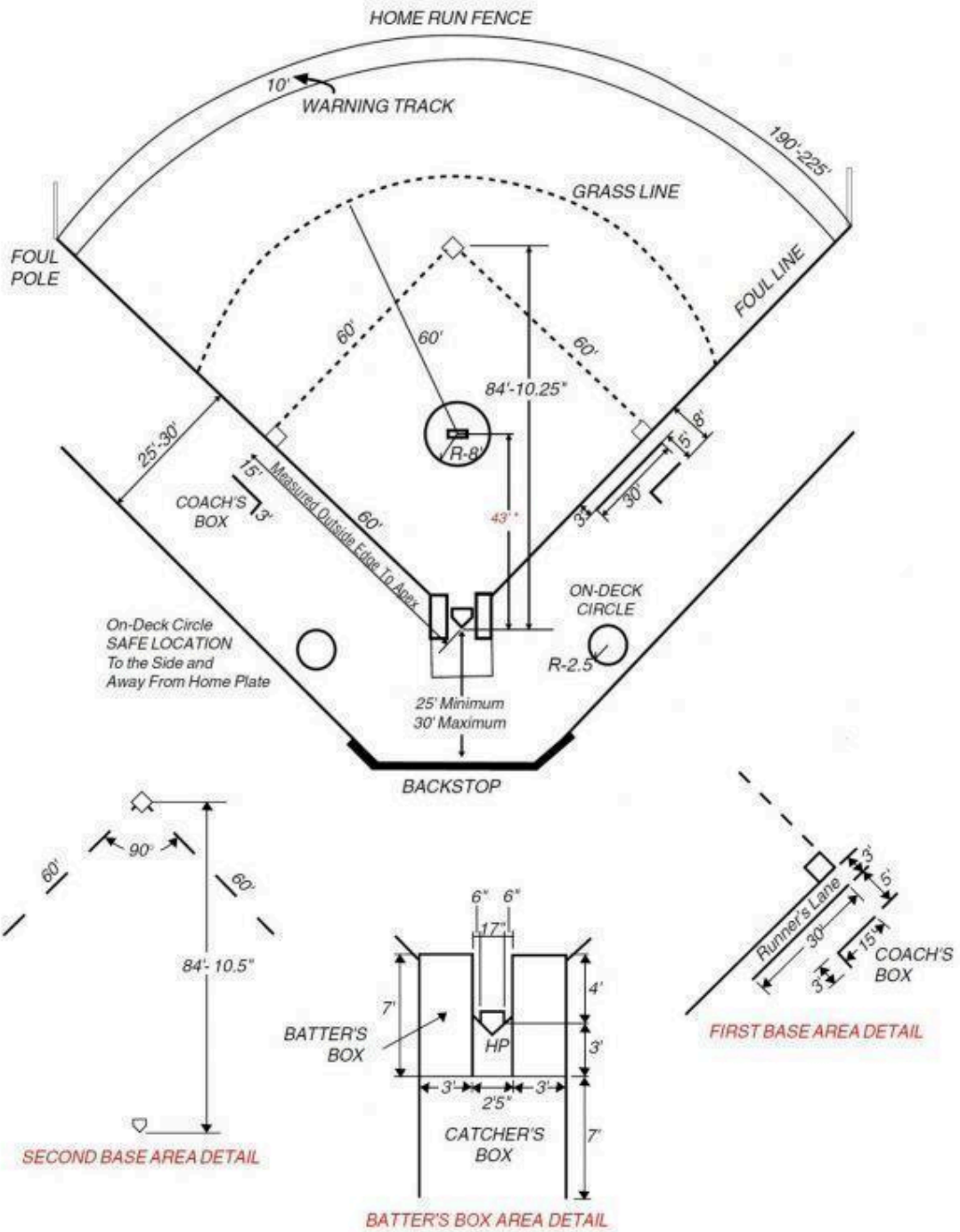


## 2024 Softball BC Plate Measurement GUIDE For Pitching & Baseline Distances

Division	Ball	Pitching	Baselines	Fences
U7	11"	30'	45'	150'-210'
U9	11"	30'	45'	150'-210'
U11	11"	35'	45'	150'-210'
U13	11"	38'	55'	160'-210'
U15	12"	40'	60'	170'-210'
U17	12"	43'	60'	180'-210'
U19A & U19B	12"	43'	60'	200'-210'
U20C	12"	43'	60'	200'-210'



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